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Dear Sir:

In accordance with C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2), Applicants hereby notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office that small entity status is no longer appropriate for the abovereferenced patent matter.

Any inquiry regarding this matter may be directed to the undersigned representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

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